

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Matlock Bath Parish Council
held on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at 7.00 pm at The New Bath Hotel, Matlock Bath

Present: Cllr Peter Baranek (Chairman), Cllr Helen Keay, Cllr Michael Wilderspin
Julie Baranek (Clerk)

A **Public Participation**

There was one member of the public present who did not wish to speak.

B **Report from Police Representatives**

There was no Police representative present.

C **Report from County Council**

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe reported that she was still awaiting a response from Highways regarding the bollards at the gap on Upperwood Road. She asked that the Parish Council formally put in writing to her a request for a proposed site visit with Highways.

She reminded Councillors that the train service will be disrupted in February due to the completion of the works at Ambergate.

The road works on the A6 opposite Clifton Road will be ongoing until the end of March. She pointed out that a huge amount of money was being spent in rectifying the underlying problem.

Councillors reported that a response had been received from the County Council regarding the resurfacing of the pavement from Woodland Terrace to Clifton Road. The response indicated that this area would be put on the list for consideration in the next financial year. Councillors expressed concern that the pavement is very uneven and quite dangerous to older and disabled pedestrians. Cllr Irene Ratcliffe suggested that the Parish Council write formally to the County Council to put pressure on them to complete these works.

D **Report from District Council**

Travellers – Cllr Joyce Pawley reported that she was disappointed that the District Council had allowed the travellers to camp on the coach park rather than Tinti's Yard despite assurances that negotiations were in place with the owners of the yard.

An agent has been employed by the District Council to source suitable land in the Ashbourne area to move the travellers to. However, the District Councillors were concerned that land would not be ready for March.

Cllrs Pawley and Purdy will put pressure on Officers in March to move the travellers in readiness for the new tourist season. If they were not moved in March, they have asked that all coach companies are contacted and advised to drop off in the Pavilion Car Park and either park there or park at Matlock.

Cllr Pawley reported that human waste had been found on Lovers Walk prior to the portaloo being dropped off. It is thought that the travellers are using the portaloo. Following complaints, the travellers have been asked to quieten the music and dogs.

Cllrs Pawley and Purdy stressed that the businesses of Matlock Bath need to send in protestations and pressure the District Council to move the travellers before the start of the season.

Following a report of another caravan arriving on the coach park (opposite to where the travellers currently are), the District Council have asked the Gypsy Liaison Officer and Environmental Health to attend.

Raft Event – The District Council has arranged another meeting with the organisers to discuss the mess which was left after the 2018 event. They will be asking the organisers to meet the clear up costs. The Environment Agency and District Council are concerned about the pollution going into the River Derwent with the plastic bags and flour.

Despite assurances at the DESAG meeting that 4 Police Officers would be in attendance, there was no policing at the 2018 event. The District Council is looking into the possibility of whether designated Officers of DDDC could issue fixed penalty notices for dropped litter.

Pathway to Heights – Transfer of Land – Cllr Purdy reported that Council would be looking to approve the Heights of Abraham purchasing the land to enable access to the base station. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been asked for their comments.

Fingerpost at the Bottom of Waterloo Road – Councillors confirmed that they are lobbying Officers for the reinstatement of this post. See Environment Committee update.

Cllrs Ratcliffe, Pawley and Purdy were thanked for attending the meeting.

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01.01.19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Trevor Bowmer, Nick Grayshon, Dave Mowle, Jennifer Nettleship.

02.01.19 Declaration of Members' Interest

Councillors were asked to consider the need to declare an interest in any matters on the agenda and the register was made available for them to do so.

03.01.19 Acceptance & Signing of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th November 2018 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

04.01.19 Clerk's Report on On-going Matters

Area Community Forum Meeting – The Clerk reported that the next Area Community Forum meeting will be held on 4th February at the Town Hall. She agreed to e-mail all Councillors to see if anyone was available.

Civic Service – The Clerk reported that Cllr Michael Wilderspin had agreed to attend the Civic Service on 24th March on behalf of the Parish Council.

Proposed Event – Triumphworld – The Clerk reported that DDC had sent through an Events Enquiry Form for comment. Although Councillors did not have a problem with the proposed event, they were concerned at the number of parking spaces would be used for the display. There is currently a loss of spaces due to the closure for safety reasons of part of the car park with, as yet, no resolution date. It was suggested that as the display was a PR exercise, DDDC should perhaps ask for remuneration for the 'lost' spaces.

Clerk's Note: *DDDC has confirmed that as this event is commercial, the organisers will be charged a nominal fee to take into account the loss of parking spaces.*

Proposed Transfer of Access Road – The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had been asked for its comments regarding this proposal. Councillors discussed this proposal and agreed that they did not have any problems with it. They did express concern, however, as to who would maintain the access road and whether the access rights of Gas Light Cottage and Will Penny Farm would be protected.

05.01.19 Committees

(a) Activities Committee

Art and Photography Competitions – It was reported that the judging of this year's Art and Photography Competitions would be held over the same weekend of 19th and 20th October in the Pump Room. Depending on number of entries, it might be possible to hold the exhibitions together.

The Clerk reported that all the information including entry forms were now on the website and the competitions were open.

Seniors Lunch – Cllr Helen Key reported that she was still awaiting a response from the Fishpond regarding this year's lunch in particular the access. The lunch will be held on 2nd December.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Notes of the Activities Committee meeting held on 14th January 2019.

(b) **Communications Committee**

There was nothing to report.

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(c) **Environment & Conservation Committee**

Fingerpost at the Bottom of Waterloo Road – It was reported that the fingerpost at the bottom of Waterloo Road had been removed by DDDC due to safety. DDDC is trying to ascertain ownership of the fingerpost. Should it be the District Council, then Officers will have to decide whether to reinstate it or not.

Footway Between Woodland Terrace and Clifton Road – See County Councillor Report.

(d) **Facilities Committee**

Sports Area – It was reported that the specification for the hire of the sports area for 2019 would be sent out to those parties who expressed an interest last year. It will also be advertised on Derbyshire Source.

It was reported that all outstanding rent from 2018 had been recovered via the solicitors.

It was further reported that the Agreement for 2019 will be sent to our solicitors for their perusal and comment.

(e) **Finance & General Purposes Committee**

The following payments were **RESOLVED**

Fishpond	£175.00
D Russell (300255)	£6.99
Crow Pie Marketing Ltd	£40.00
RDS	£225.00
New Bath Hotel	£832.50
HMRC	£62.44
Midland Hotel	£150.00
Clerk, Office Expenses, December	£97.39
Clerk, Salary, December	£867.79
NEST	£113.28
Crow Pie Marketing Ltd	£40.00
A Tatum	£5.00
D Russell (300256)	£8.00
HMRC	£62.44
Clerk, Salary, January	£867.79

NEST	£113.28
Peak District Mining Museum	£50.00
MDS	£50.00
Clerk, Office Expenses, January	£95.63
Carrwood Farm	£50.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00
TOTAL	£3952.53

Clerk Salary – It was reported that a national increase had been awarded for the Clerk’s salary spine. It was further confirmed that the Finance Committee had agreed a one increment step on the spinal column from 1st April 2019.

(e) **Planning Committee**

Applications Received - The following recommendations from the Planning Committee were **RESOLVED**:

T/18/00194/TCA – Fell Ash Tree & Prune – Torla, Holme Road – No objection
 18/01273/LBALT – Repainting of Windows – 124-126 North Parade – No objection
 18/01250/LBALT – Replacement of Windows – Temple Hotel – No objection

18/01379/ADV – Erection of signs – 258 Dale Road – The Planning Committee welcome the renovation of this building. Although the Committee had no objection to the signs themselves, it was felt that some of the signs do not adhere to the ASCA regulations

Decisions – The following planning decisions by DDDC were noted:

T/18/00196/TCA – Felling of Ash Tree – 2 Bingville Cottage – Permitted
 T/18/00194/TCA – Fell Ash Tree & Prune – Torla, Holme Road – Granted
 18/01134/LBALT – Internal Damp Proofing – Belle Vue House – Granted
 18/01135/LBALT – Replacement of Fire Place – Belle Vue House – Granted
 18/01250/LBALT – Replacement Windows/Doors – Temple Hotel – Granted

The Planning Committee was not asked to comment on the following application but was noted:

18/01337/CM – Installation of sewer pipeline – Land at Upperwood – No objection

Meeting with Conservation Officer and Planning – It was reported that the Planning Committee would be meeting with DDDC Planning and the Conservation Officer on Friday 25th January to discuss Article 4 and raise other issues.

06.01.19 **Precept for 2019/2020**

The Clerk circulated documentation outlining each Committee’s budget requirements for 2019/2020. It was **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2019/2020 should be set at £28,000 (the same as 2018/2019) as recommended by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 21st January 2019. It was noted that the number of households paying Council Tax had reduced from last year and this may mean a slight increase on residents’ Council Tax bill.

07.01.19 **LEADER Grant**

Winter Lighting – It was reported that an alternative temporary siting of the festoon lighting had been sent to DDDC for approval. As soon as approval is given, the contractors will be asked to return to install the last of this lighting. In addition, it was reported that there were problems with the current lighting which the contractor was aware of. These will also be sorted out when the contractor returns.

Lecterns/Finger Post – It was reported that as the approved contractor no longer offers an installation service, under the terms of the LEADER grant, we are obliged to obtain 3 more quotations just for installation. One quotation has been received and we are currently awaiting a second one. It is hoped to get these quotations to LEADER in the next week. Unfortunately this will mean a slight increase to the costings. As soon as approval has been given, the lecterns and fingerposts will be ordered. Advertising consent and DCC approval will also have to be sought.

08.01.19 **Matlock Bath Development Association CIC**

It was reported that the licence for the Green Man Trail has been received and will be looked at by Directors at their next meeting. DerwentWise will be assisting with the work sheets and then it is hoped that installation will begin.

Arrangements for the Sensory Trail LEADER grant application are ongoing.

The Accessible Trail literature will be available shortly. This includes a map and written guide.

09.01.19 **Matlock Bath Public Conveniences**

It was reported that the grant application will be submitted the middle of March. Planning permission has already been submitted to DDDC although it has not yet gone out for consultation. Although the project is through the Consortium, the Pavilion Group will lead on it.

10.01.19 **Closer Working Meetings**

It was reported that at the last meeting the following was discussed:

Pavilion Car Park – A blocked pipe or a collapsed pipe outside of the Mining Museum is causing water logging which has made the surface unstable. Exploratory work will be done underground.

Raft Event – Complaints received regarding the mess left after the Raft Event. A meeting will be arranged by DESAG with the organisers in due course.

Travellers – Complaint about the human waste and toilet paper on Lovers Walks. DDDC will be sending a Clean Team up to clear up.

Missing Fingerpost at Bottom of Waterloo Road – Removed because of safety. See Environment and Conservation Committee report above.

Dog Fouling – Complaints about the increase in dog fouling. DDDC will do a targeted campaign if the Parish Council identify the areas.

The next meeting will be held in April.

11.01.19 **Reports from Outside Body Representatives**

- (a) **Derwent Valley Rail Partnership** – The Derby to Matlock line will be closed in February due to ongoing works.
- (b) **Illuminations** – It was reported that the 1st meeting of the Illuminations Working Group was held on 23rd January. £15,000 of the total profit of £50,000 will be invested into this year's event. The cost of entry will rise by 50p. The working group will be looking at opening times at their next meeting.

The Illuminations in Derwent Gardens and Lover's Walk will be left up over the October half term.

- (c) **Pavilion** – There was nothing to report.
- (d) **Footpaths** – There was nothing to report.

12.01.19 **Urgent Matters/Matters for the Next Agenda Raised in Public Participation, District Council, County Council or Police Report**

There were no urgent matters.

13.01.19 **Correspondence/Publications/Information Received**

The following items have been circulated to all Councillors:

Christmas & New Year Waste and Recycling Collections
Mobile Library Route Updates
Christmas Greetings from County Councillor
E-mail from Peak UK Kayaking Co Ltd re clearing of River Derwent
E-mail from Cllr Irene Ratcliffe re closure of A6 at Milford
DCC – Ambergate Junction Improvements and Coach Replacement Service

The following were noted:

Complaint from resident regarding the mess from the Raft Event – passed to DDDC
E-mail from DASAC requesting free car parking – passed to DDDC
E-mail FX Stage Productions – passed to DDDC
DDDC – Information regarding protected trees – passed to Planning Committee

14.01.19 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March 2019

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.